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H. R. LAWRENCE.
The new low occupied by Morris & George Adams, for a good time is prevented, and any person capable of filling the bill will do well to transfer.

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Smith Premier Typewriter
To rent in 10 Chapin street.

Carl Lettinger,
Teacher at Cornet, Brattleboro, Vt. Pupils of H. O. Brown, Boston. Write for particulars.

The New York Life—Remarkable Showing.

Important information about the transactions of the great financial institutions always attracts attention, and the report of the New York Life Insurance company, which is published in another column, will be exceedingly interesting to its policy holders, as affording a brief result of the company's stupendous operations for the year 1901. The figures plainly show what a tremendous endorsement the public has given the New York Life the past year through its unprecedented amount of new business. The gain in total volume of business and the fact that 32 million dollars of insurance, on which the first premiums have been paid to the company in cash, is really of public interest outside the army of policy holders who are protected by the New York Life's contracts. The company received during the year 1901 applications for over 30 million dollars of insurance, 32 million of this business having been paid for and the premiums received in the home office within the year. The number of it has been declined or is now in the hands of the great volume already received. The company and the agents, within the policy holders, are the company, are certainly to be congratulated on this showing which unmistakably proves the stability of this great international life company, a plant and feature of which is the fact that these gratifying results have been accomplished at a lower expense ratio than even that of 1900.

C. M. Park, Tutor,
Principal at BRATTLEBORO PRIVATE SCHOOL, winter term opens Dec. 2.

BRATTLEBORO.

The Estey and Carpenter organ factories were closed Tuesday night for the rest of the week to allow the annual inventories to be taken.

Mr. Davidson will preach this (Friday) evening to those who are not Christians. Subject, "Why Men Do Not Come to Christ." Come and hear.

The Epworth League elected these officers Monday evening: President, Dr. C. G. Wheeler; first vice-president, Sanford A. Daniels; second vice president, Miss Ruth Sawyer; third vice president, Miss Hattie Smith; fourth vice president, Miss Mary Graves; secretary, Miss Annie Thomas; treasurer, Ralph J. Cain.

There is nothing original about the latest American House method of snook evasion of the law as uncovered Tuesday night. It was copied bodily after the Montpelier rum-sellers' invention of a trap-door in the back end of their premises, through which the jugs and bottles were dumped into the Winooski river in case of sudden alarm.

A hearing was held Saturday before Justice Merrill in the case of Rockwell & Sherwin against Waldo Ronilac of Hinsdale. The suit was brought to recover a balance of \$30 on a book account. The defendant disputed some of the credits for lumber which he had drawn, claiming that they were not large enough. The court rendered judgment for the plaintiff to recover \$29.68. Lawyer R. C. Bacon appeared for the plaintiff.

Manager Fox's next attraction in the Auditorium will be Robert Downing in "The Gladiator," in which he has played 2000 times. It will appear probably Jan. 14 or 15. Mr. Downing is one of the most eminent tragedians in America. His leading support will be Harrison J. Wolfe, who was the leading man in "Quo Vadis," so vividly remembered by many Brattleboro theatre-goers. "The Gladiator" will be one of the leading attractions this season.

Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Rice have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Florence Adele Brown to Dr. Mortimer Joseph Stoddard. The event was celebrated quietly New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rice in Roxbury, Mass. Rev. T. W. Illman of Wakefield, formerly pastor of the Universalist church in Brattleboro, performing the ceremony. After a short trip Dr. and Mrs. Stoddard will make their home at 106 Bay street, Springfield, Mass. Dr. Stoddard graduated from the Brattleboro High school and obtained his medical education in the Baltimore Medical College and the University of Vermont, taking his degree in '98. He has a successful practice in Springfield. Mrs. Stoddard graduated from the Athol High school in '97. Her home for the past two or three years has been with Mrs. Ada Dowley in Brattleboro. Dr. and Mrs. Stoddard will receive the congratulations and best wishes of many warm personal friends in Brattleboro.

Fenton's Big Cut Sale begins tomorrow morning. Read advertisement.

The first annual fair of the Universalist church and society will be held in Festival hall Jan. 30.

The chiefs of Quonotkat tribe of Red Men will be raised up next Friday evening by Deputy Great Sachem C. A. Miles.

The annual meeting of Company I, First regiment, Vermont National Guard, will be held in the company headquarters next Thursday evening.

A regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held with Mrs. Chamberlain on Elliot street next Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 8. A full attendance is requested.

The Sunday services at the Home for the Aged and Disabled will be conducted during the month of January by Rev. Mr. Mathison, of the Episcopal church.

The ladies of the Universalist church have engaged the Ladies' Symphony orchestra of Athol to furnish music for the concert and dance at their annual fair Jan. 4.

Arthur Lewis Winchester, 5-weeks-old son of Archie C. and Mabel A. Winchester, died yesterday. The body was placed in the vault in Morning-side cemetery today.

The second term of Mrs. Baldwin's dancing classes will open tonight in Grange Hall at 7:30. The children's class will be held from 4 to 5 tomorrow. A social will follow each class.

S. W. Kimball, clerk of Brattleboro school district No. 2, began this week taking the enumeration of children of school age throughout the district. The school age is from 5 to 17 years, inclusive.

The Selgwick post, G. A. R., met Wednesday night and voted to accept the invitation of the Woman's Relief corps to hold a joint installation of officers with them next Thursday evening.

Ernest Thayer of Vernon, the young man who was so horribly mutilated several weeks ago by being drawn against a circular saw, is making good progress toward recovery in the hospital in Greenfield.

Three Chinese boys who have been in Newfare jail were given a hearing before Judge Wheeler Wednesday in the office of Waterman & Martin and were discharged. They had been ordered deported by Commissioner Young of Newport and had appealed.

The December receipts of the Brattleboro postoffice, not including the money order receipts, were the largest in the history of the office. The total receipts from the sale of stamps, cards, etc., was \$2064.49. In the year 1900 the receipts were \$2178.51, and in the year 1899 they were \$1953.51.

The regular monthly meeting of the Audubon society will be held with Miss Jeanette Howe, Harris Place, Monday evening, Jan. 6, at 7:30. The program will consist of a report of the 19th Congress of the American Ornithologists' union, report of the Florida State Audubon society and some account of living birds at Bronx park, New York city.

E. B. Bissell of Washington street has brought an ejectment suit against D. Jacobs and M. Bugbee of East Putney, claiming damages in the sum of \$500. Mr. Bissell owns a house and lot situated near the Putney meadows, which is occupied by the defendants. He claims that the defendants broke open the door and took possession of the place and refused either to vacate or to pay rent. The suit is returnable at the March term of the Windham county court and is brought through H. G. Barber, attorney.

The record of vital statistics kept in the town clerk's office shows that in the year 1901 there were 136 deaths in Brattleboro, which tallies with the records kept by the local undertakers. Of these 36 took place at the Brattleboro Retreat, leaving an even 100 as a basis of comparison with the birth rate. Eighty-seven of the 136 people who died were 50 years old or over. Sixty-five were 60 or over; 49 were 70 or over; 28 were 80 or over, and five were 90 or over. Nine were less than 10 years old. The record of births shows that 83 children were born during the year, 44 males and 39 females.

A Christmas entertainment was held by Branch No. 2 of the International Sunshine society at the Home for the Aged last Friday. Miss Cox, Miss Tutill and Mr. Barnes, of the mandolin club, with Miss Spear at the piano, played delightfully at intervals during the afternoon. Miss Davenport, with a phonograph, contributed to the enjoyment. Mrs. E. D. Whitney and Miss Emma Gregg read humorous selections, which were fully appreciated. The singing of a number of songs by Mrs. Harriet Brason Pratt was a bit of sweet melody fitted to go with sunshine to every heart. They were enjoyed and will be long remembered. Tea was served during the afternoon. After supper the gifts from the beautiful Christmas tree were distributed among the inmates of the Home, and the words of appreciation and the happy faces made sunshine and blessing for all.

Suit has been brought by Miles J. Merrill of Boston, through Waterman & Martin, against Felker L. Temple of Boston, and Mr. Temple's property in Westminster has been attached to the amount of \$1800. The plaintiff claims that in 1898 he and Mr. Temple entered into a contract whereby he was to transfer to Mr. Temple a parcel of land and buildings in Belmont, Mass., and that Mr. Temple was to transfer to him in payment 200 shares of stock in the Skagway Light and Water Company. He alleges that Mr. Temple promised to try to find a customer who would buy 100 shares of the stock for \$800, and that after one year, in case he failed to find said customer, he would buy back 100 shares of the stock for the price named, \$800. He claims that the transfers were made according to contract, but that Mr. Temple has failed to find a customer for the stock and has also failed to redeem the stock on demand.

Fourteen newly elected officers of the Vermont National Guard will be examined in Brattleboro Feb. 4.

Children's night will be observed by Protective Grange next Wednesday evening. There will be a supper and entertainment for the children.

Graduation exercises for those going from the Junior to the intermediate department of the Congregational Sunday school will take place next Sunday.

The 31st annual meeting of the corporation of the Brattleboro Savings bank for the election of officers and the transaction of business will be held Jan. 10 at 11 o'clock.

H. C. Miller, a former Brattleboro boy who has been connected with the South Omaha National bank several years, and Miss Ethel Thompson were married in Omaha recently.

A. V. May's agency has sold for H. G. Barber his place known as the Luther Duffin farm to Carley P. Whitney and Ernest M. Whitney of Marlboro, possession given at once.

The stockholders of the Grange-House association will hold their annual meeting Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 3 o'clock. It will be preceded by the annual meeting of the Grange society.

The late Michael H. Toomey was one of the fastest sending telegraph operators in the country. In one of the tournaments held in New York a few years ago he stood fourth on the list with a record of 59 words a minute.

Wanantiquet Lodge of Odd Fellows elected these officers Monday evening: Noble grand, A. F. Roberts; vice grand, F. A. Cook; secretary, A. L. Currier; financial secretary, C. J. Cobb; treasurer, C. E. Sturges; trustee for five years, F. E. Perry.

A journal under one of the freight cars on the southbound train on the narrow gauge railroad Saturday afternoon broke opposite the Bradley farm, blocking the track and delaying the evening passenger train until after 8 o'clock. The car was loaded with lumber.

The Brattleboro Street Railroad company has within a few days sold its bond issue of \$25,000 to a Boston man, with the exception of a small amount previously placed. E. C. Crosby made an offer for the entire lump, but it was considerably under that of the Boston man.

The quartet at the Congregational church, beginning next Sunday, will consist of Miss Emma Gregg, soprano; Miss Laura Lettinger, contralto; Mr. A. Gilbert, tenor; George E. Adams, bass. Fred C. Lettinger will continue as organist. The arrangement is subject to change at any time.

Dr. C. S. Sholes of Boston was in town Monday and Tuesday to arrange alterations in White-tone block. The middle street will be divided lengthwise, one side to be an addition to Frank Plagg's cafe, to be used largely for lunch counter purposes; and the other side to be occupied by John O'Neil with a plumbing shop.

Quonotkat tribe of Red Men elected these officers at their semi-annual meeting Friday evening: Sachem, C. E. Grafton; senior sagamore, Charles Brockington; junior sagamore, C. P. Spencer; prophet, H. E. Harris; keeper of records, R. R. Kinkead; collector of wampum, R. H. Baker; keeper of wampum, J. E. Mellen; trustee for three years, E. L. Parker.

Mrs. J. G. Ullery has issued invitations to a reception to be held at her home at the corner of Linden and Chapin streets tomorrow evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, when the United States Daughters of 1812 will be present. The occasion will be honor day, and the guest of honor will be Mrs. J. J. Estey, state regent, Vermont society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A large locust tree which stood at the corner of Elliot and Church streets has blown down about 10 o'clock Tuesday night, carrying with it a fire-alarm pole, the village fire-alarm wire and the private fire-alarm wire of the Carpenter Organ company and Holden and Martin. The crossing of the wires caused one stroke of the alarm. The village wire was immediately repaired.

The rustic theatre in Brookside Park collapsed Sunday morning from the weight of snow on the roof. There being no stays in the sides of the building, the slides spread and let the roof fall in. The scenery and some of the rustic swings used in the park and stored in the building were ruined. The piano used during the summer season had been moved to Melrose hall. The lease of the grounds to the street railroad does not expire until after next season, but whether the building will be rebuilt or a tent roof put on has not been decided.

At the last meeting of Alpha lodge, Knights of Honor, the following officers were elected: J. W. Simonds, past dictator; John O. Stone, dictator; W. H. Carpenter, vice dictator; W. R. Gage, assistant dictator; A. A. Baldwin, chaplain; C. L. Piper, reporter; W. A. Cunningham, guide; H. P. Freeman, financial reporter; W. D. Perry, treasurer; J. P. Elmer, guardian; Noyes White, sentinel; Harry Rowe, W. A. Cunningham and J. W. Simonds, trustees; F. K. Barrows, Harry Rowe and J. W. Simonds, auditing committee.

Advent Christian church, E. E. Lombard, pastor. Sunday services. Prayer meeting 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school 12 m.; preaching 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Loyal Workers' meeting at 6:30 p. m. All are welcome.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss.
Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every copy of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1891.
A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

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The second card night will be observed next Tuesday at the Vermont Wheel club rooms, when whilst will be played.

Jennie Britton of South Main street and the young son of John Prodette, living near the Fletcher mill, are recovering from diphtheria. No new cases have been reported.

Dr. Waterman, health officer, was notified yesterday that an outfit had been shipped from the state laboratory at Burlington for testing completely the public water supply in Brattleboro.

The annual meeting of Branch No. 2 of the International Sunshine society was held at the Home for the Aged and Disabled last Friday. These officers were elected: President, Mrs. G. H. Ryder; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Parker; Mrs. G. H. Clapp, Mrs. E. B. Davenport, Mrs. S. O. Miner and Miss Emma Gregg. It was voted to ask each member to contribute 10 cents to pay the cost of entertainment.

An unaccountable fire took place Sunday afternoon in the Henry Field house on Western avenue, occupied by George H. Harris. Mr. Harris rode home from West Brattleboro on an electric car, standing on the rear platform. He placed his umbrella beside another in one corner of a room in the house and in a very few minutes Mrs. Harris smelled smoke and found both umbrellas had been burned and the wood work of the house was on fire. The flames were extinguished with a pail of water. The loss was about \$30. The only reasonable theory that has been advanced is that a cigar stub was accidentally dropped into the umbrella by some one who stood on the car platform.

The body of Michael H. Toomey, formerly of the Boston Globe's New York bureau, was brought to Brattleboro from Brooklyn Saturday evening at 5:45 o'clock, accompanied by Mr. Toomey's mother, his wife, who formerly was Miss Mary Sullivan of Brattleboro, and three children. The funeral was held in the Roman Catholic church at 10:30 o'clock Sunday. Rev. Patrick Cunningham officiating. Requiem high mass was celebrated. The church was filled, over 500 friends and relatives being present. Solos were sung by Miss Katharine Galvin and Miss Kittie Stewart. The bearers were P. M. Baker of Boston, Donald O'Donnell of Holyoke, Edward Leonard and Neil Leonard of Athol and Maurice Doyle and Thomas Lang of Brattleboro. The burial was in the Roman Catholic cemetery on Prospect Hill. Mr. Toomey carried life insurance amounting to some \$25,000.

The New Year's assembly in the Brooks House Tuesday evening, which was the second in the series arranged by some of the young men of Brattleboro, was attended by over 150 people and was in every respect a highly satisfactory affair, one of the most so that has been held in Brattleboro in recent years. Lettinger's orchestra of five pieces furnished music and A. H. Hines prompted. A large number of out-of-town visitors were present, including Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Snow, Miss E. W. Snow, Mrs. L. W. Potter, Mrs. H. G. Packard, Dr. M. L. Miner, C. H. Packard and S. W. Comstock, of the Greenfield Country club, Mrs. A. Langley and Miss Burnett of Putney, Maj. and Mrs. Wolfe of Vermont Academy, Miss Susan Harris Mather of Rutland, Miss Emily Bacon of Springfield, this state, Miss Hattie Ruggles of Worcester, Mass., and others. Just before 12 o'clock the company formed for a quadrille, dancing the old year out and the new year in. Refreshments were served.

Through the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Lawton, a large company of their friends were permitted to enjoy the complimentary concert given at the Retreat last Saturday evening by Mrs. Mary Lavin, and her brother, Lucien Howe, as accompanist. Mrs. Lavin was generous to overflowing with her entertainment to the company gathered in the cosy Retreat chapel, whose perfect acoustic properties made possible the charm of the evening. Mrs. Lavin sang almost continuously for an hour and a half. Her program included numbers from Rossini, Schubert, Mozart, Schumann, Spohr, Chopin, Verdi, and others of the masters of classic music. All those present have admired Mrs. Lavin many times in her public performances, but it is safe to say that none had ever found her singing so entirely delightful as in this quiet and home-like chamber concert. As on so many former occasions, the audience felt and expressed their admiration for the charm and the good taste of Mr. Howe's accompaniments.

N. F. Cabot, whose official connection with the Vermont Savings bank closed on Tuesday, left Wednesday for a well-earned vacation, which he will spend in the South. It is not too much to say that the strength and standing of the Vermont Savings bank today are in a large measure a monument to the able and faithful service which Mr. Cabot has rendered during his term as treasurer which began 29 years ago last September. During this time the deposits have grown from \$1,200,000 to more than three and one-half millions, and in financial strength the institution is second only to the Burlington Savings bank. In every time of financial stress the bank has stood like a rock, with its strength and soundness never for a moment questioned, and its position among trust institutions of New England was never higher than it is today.

By natural selection, and by faithfulness to the modern principle of civil service reform, the succession to the treasury of the Vermont Savings bank is now a victim of the disease. Her recovery is expected. The Butler home is isolated and persons outside the family will not be exposed to the disease.

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Mrs. W. H. Webb will close tomorrow the boarding house which she has kept several years.

The installation of officers of Wauwatash lodge of Odd Fellows will be held next Monday night.

A merry party of the Brooks House dining-room girls enjoyed a sleighride to South Newfare and return last evening.

Wednesday being the feast of the cross, a mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church.

The young ladies' sodality of the Roman Catholic church are rehearsing "The Old Maid's Convention," to be presented some time before Lent.

The Crystal Springs ice company has repaired its dam which was washed out last week. The pond has filled again, and the company expects to harvest ice next week.

A surprise watch party was held at the home of Charles Evans on Maple street Tuesday evening, about 20 people being present. Music, dancing, games, etc., made up a pleasant evening.

L. H. Richardson and O. O. Ware have decided to rebuild the Stockwell livery stable building, destroyed by fire several weeks ago. Mr. Stockwell will continue his livery business in the new building.

Carni, who lowered the track record in Brattleboro July 4, was one of the starters in the six-day bicycle race in Boston, but had a tumble and his physician would not allow him to continue in the race.

The annual pool rental at the Universalist church was held last evening, when about the usual number of pews were sold. The rental was preceded by a chicken-pie supper which was enjoyed by a large number.

A hearing is in progress today in the suit of George Atkinson vs. Mrs. Bert Miller to recover a balance of about \$15 for a job of painting. H. G. Barber is counsel for the plaintiff and F. D. Stowe for the defendant.

John Smith of West Dunsteron, who was struck in the side by an iron bar two years ago, while at work at the granite quarry, was brought to Dr. Lynch's hospital yesterday, having had a hemorrhage as a result of the accident.

A New Year's reception to the members and friends of the Episcopal church was held in Red Men's hall Wednesday evening, which was attended by a large number. Refreshments were served and games were played which were enjoyed by both children and adults.

These games have been played this week in the Wheel club's tournament. Three ball billiards, Baron 90, Foster 58; pool, Putnam 69, DeWitt 28; Thompson 69, Corser 21; Thompson 60, Harris 49. W. A. Perry has won his class in three ball billiards, and Thompson and Wood are class winners in pool.

A hearing was begun yesterday before United States Commissioner Merrill of Rutland, referee, in the case of Charles Bartlett vs. D. P. Prescott, which has been in the county court one or two terms. The suit involves some \$1200 and is a dispute over a lumber job. Mr. Prescott claiming that the plaintiff did not fulfill his contract. The hearing occupied all of yesterday afternoon and is in progress today in the office of Waterman & Martin. The attorneys engaged are Martin and Gibson for the plaintiff and Pitts and Schenck for the defendant.

These officers of Oasis Encampment were installed last evening by District Deputy Grand Patriarch George F. Putnam of Springfield, this state: C. P. F. E. Perry; H. P. H. Joy; S. W. A. W. Roel; J. W. E. R. Thayer; S. C. G. Endlich; F. S. D. W. Tenney; treasurer, D. McGilivray; O. S. H. S. Ranom; J. S. H. Slater; guide, A. F. Rhode; first watch, W. E. Combs; second watch, P. E. Young; third watch, Dana Yeaw; fourth watch, Frank Wright; guards of tent, John Cain and M. D. Batchelder. Past Grand Patriarch G. H. Rockwood of Springfield was present.

The Brattleboro High school class of 1901 held a reunion at the home of Miss Ethel Knight on Oak street Friday evening, 22 of the 27 members of the class being present. The donkey game was the principal amusement. Arthur Willard winning the prize. Refreshments were served and the party broke up about 11 o'clock. The class of 1900 held a reunion in Red Men's hall Saturday night, 20 members being present. The class ode was sung and the class history and the class prophecy were read. Refreshments were served, after which there was dancing until 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. McLane playing the piano.

Eugene Frost has brought suit through Bacon & Hooker against the town of Brattleboro for \$500 for damages sustained at his ice pond below the Estey organ factories. Mr. Frost alleges that the servants of the town so altered and re-made Maple street that the water collecting there was diverted from its natural course and washed a large quantity of earth, stones and rubbish into his ice pond, making it unproductive and incurring large expense in clearing away said stones, earth and rubbish. He asserts that he constructed drains sufficient to carry off the surface water on Birge, Canal and Maple streets previous to the alteration of Maple street, and that agents of the town knew that those drains were not sufficient to carry off the increased amount diverted to them.

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The Connecticut Valley Tobacco Industry.

L. P. Sutter of the firm of Sutter Bros. and G. A. Billings, the Connecticut valley representative of the firm, were in Brattleboro Tuesday night and spent the day Wednesday looking over some of the crops of local tobacco growers. Up to this time Mr. Billings has bought little or no tobacco in this vicinity, but it is the intention of the company to make purchases enough so that the warehouse here will be open for the usual winter operations. While the tobacco crop throughout the Connecticut valley was taken from the fields in remarkably good condition, free from injury from hail, frost, or insect pests, it has suffered badly during the process of curing. The hot, damp weather in September and early October was very "burn" on the poles, causing the leaf to "burn" on the poles, rendering it stiff and brittle. For this reason the firm has found it necessary to be very careful in buying.

Mr. Sutter and Mr. Billings state that last year's experiment made in a small way, in growing Sumatra tobacco in Connecticut appears to have been a great success, and several companies have been formed with large capital invested to increase the experiment the coming season. Only a few acres, some seven or eight in all, were grown last year. This year from 40 to 60 acres will be grown, mostly within a few miles of Hartford. For this crop the Sumatra seed is sown, and the land is completely covered with cotton cloth stretched upon frames, so as to imitate tropical conditions as nearly as possible. The cost of preparation is heavy. The cost of preparation is heavy. The frames are built high enough so that the tobacco can be cultivated under the cloth by machinery the same as in the open. Heavy posts are set on which the frames are built and between these the rows of tobacco are planted. The frame-work was last several years, but the masts will have to be renewed at least every other year. The profit, if the experiment is a success, will be large. Genuine Sumatra tobacco is worth in the American market from \$3 to \$4.50 a pound. The duty is \$1.85, if no more than the amount of the duty could be realized, the profit would be a handsome one. It was found that the Sumatra leaf grown in Connecticut last year was even thinner and finer and more valuable for wrappers than the genuine leaf. A pound of it will cover from a thousand to fifteen hundred cigars.

The sin of worldliness, which makes it impossible oftentimes to distinguish between the honest and the dishonest. We should so live that there can never be any question with regard to our being the children of God.

The sin of avarice. It is unfortunate for a Christian man to get the reputation of being avaricious in his dealings. He must be absolutely honest and truthful; more than that he must be generous in giving as well as in receiving. According to the scripture the first fruits belong to the Lord, and these are to be given systematically, and in proportionate measure.

The sin of idleness. He who cannot control his temper and deal humbly and truthfully with his neighbor might as well keep silent in a church meeting. Then there are the sins of neglect, the neglect of Bible study, secret prayer, meetings of grace, Christian work, etc., etc.

These things are painful to contemplate, but must be put away, and if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Mass meeting for young people, 4 p. m. Sunday, Methodist church.

Children's meeting, 4 p. m. Monday, Methodist church.

"Woman's Work for Christ" will be the theme presented before the Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., kindred organizations, and the women of the community, Tuesday 4 p. m., Methodist church.

Young men, Mr. Davidson will preach to young men Friday evening, Jan. 10th, 7:30 at the Congregational church.

Everybody is cordially invited to all these special services, as well as to the meetings held daily, except Saturday. Every afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Methodist church and every evening at 7:30 in the Congregational church.

The Harvard quartet of Boston has been engaged to sing at the district Masonic meeting to be held in Brattleboro Feb. 25.

There will be a missionary meeting in St. Michael's Episcopal church Monday evening at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Foster of Rutland, Rev. Mr. Sanford of Bellows Falls, Rev. Mr. Davis of Chester and Rev. Mr. Fish of Springfield will be present and will make addresses.

The Twentieth Century Whist club held the first meeting of the season Tuesday evening with Mrs. J. T. Denning, Miss Johanna Baker was elected president, Mrs. T. A. Austin vice president. Next Wednesday evening the club will meet with Mrs. T. A. Austin on Grove street.

Mrs. Dr. Harter returned Wednesday to Montpelier after spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. Wilder Harris on High street.

Arthur Whitney of the Harvard divinity school, who preached at the Universalist church last Sunday, was a guest of G. E. Warner while in town.

Principal and Mrs. H. K. Whitaker, who went to Leverett, Mass., last week, have been at the home of Mrs. Whitaker's parents in Warren, Mass., this week.

Mrs. A. A. C. Ware of Brattleboro will conduct the memorial hour exercises at the woman's auxiliary meeting in connection with the state dairymen's convention to be held in Montpelier.

P. M. Baker of Somerville, Mass., Mr. Shirley, a representative of the Boston Globe and Miss Minnie Wallace of Holyoke were in town over Sunday to attend the funeral of M. H. Toomey.

Benjamin Hannon has been calling on Brattleboro friends this week. He has given up his work as palace car conductor and is spending some time with his parents at the soldiers' home in Bennington.

Miss Dora Todd of Palmer, Mass., who was in town Monday and Tuesday, went from here to Highgate, this state.

Rev. H. S. Fuller returned Tuesday to his pastorate in North Ferrisburgh, N. Y., after visiting Rev. and Mrs. F. Lowe.

Mrs. J. J. O'Donnell and son, James, returned Monday to their home in Granby, Mass., after a week's visit with Miss Mary Brown.

The ladies' enterprise society will hold their next regular meeting with Mrs. Evans next Thursday afternoon.

Christian Science service in Market block